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TWO CENTS

## WILSON NOTE IN EFFECT ULTIMATUM

President Has Told Germany That Diplomatic Relations Will Be Severed Unless Attacks on Ships Carrying Americans Are Stopped Immediately—Situation Extremely Tense

## CONGRESS IS CONSULTED BECAUSE OF ITS POWER TO DECLARE WAR

Only One Instance in Modern History, President Pointed Out This Morning, Where a Diplomatic Break Has Not Been Followed by Hostilities—Note Does Not Contain Time Limit

WASHINGTON, April 19.—President Wilson has sent a note to Germany warning her that unless attacks on merchantmen carrying Americans, in violation of the law, are stopped diplomatic relations will be severed. The President explained that the note practically is an ultimatum, but does not contain a time limit. A demand is made, however, that Germany reply immediately.

The President revealed this fact to Senators Stone and Lodge and Representatives Flood and Cooper, ranking Democratic and Republican members of the congressional foreign affairs committees, at a conference at the White House early today. The President went over the situation very thoroughly with the committee leaders and told them, explicitly he believed the United States could not remain on friendly terms with Germany if American lives continued to be placed in jeopardy by German submarines.

As the committee members left the White House they made no effort to conceal what the President had told them. The President made it plain that if Germany still cared to conduct her submarine warfare in accordance with rules of international law the American government will be glad to continue friendly relations.

The note to Germany went forward last night in code by way of Copenhagen. The President wanted it to be in the hands of Ambassador Gerard or the German foreign office when he appeared before congress.

The members who heard the President outline it did not understand it to be an ultimatum in the sense that term is technically used, but all considered it to have that effect. Senator Lodge asked the President about the use of the word "immediately" in that connection and was told that it meant Germany should be given an opportunity to receive the communication and to make reply.

The President consults congress at this stage, it was pointed out, because while he has the authority to break off diplomatic relations congress alone has power to declare war and there is only one instance in modern history where a break in diplomatic relations between two first class powers has not been followed by war. It is the situation between Germany and Italy.

BERLIN, April 19.—The morning newspapers of Berlin do not refer in any manner to relations with the United States or to the expected American note.

### First Baptist Church

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor society will be held in the chapel this evening at 7.30. Topic: Good Prayer Meetings, and How to Have Them Always. Acts 12:1-17. Leader, Mrs. Harold Newell. All young people are invited.

Thursday, April 20, 3 p. m.—Annual meeting of the Woman's society at the church. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and other business transacted. A large attendance is desired.

A few more rooms are wanted for the Woman's missionary convention. Notify Mrs. E. L. Knowlton by telephone.

### Centre Congregational Church

Thursday, April 20, 7.30 p. m.—Christian Endeavor mission study class will meet with Miss Emily and Arthur L. Clapp.

### In Odd Fellows' Temple

Wednesday, April 19, 7.45 p. m.—Rehearsal of Royal Purple degree.

Thursday, April 20, 7.30 p. m.—Regular meeting of Oasis Encampment. The Royal Purple degree will be conferred on a class of candidates.

aware that they were in the presence of an armed vessel of the enemy, and the lives of non-combatants, passengers and crew have been sacrificed wholesale in a manner in which the government of the United States cannot but regard as wanton and without the slightest color of justification."

NEW YORK, April 19.—The President's decision to submit the German situation to congress came as a great surprise to the financial district. The greatest excitement prevailed on the stock exchange and many speculative holdings were abruptly closed out. Soon after the opening Bethlehem steel broke 19 points to 421.

## PLANNING FOR 200 OR MORE DELEGATES

Programs for Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society Meeting From-ise Interesting Sessions.

The programs for the district meeting of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary society, which will be held here next week, have been issued and promptly very full and interesting meetings. Most of the 200 or more delegates will arrive Tuesday afternoon in time for the first meeting. The entertaining church will furnish only rooms and breakfasts and the delegates will get their other meals at the Brooks House, the Melrose, restaurants and of various organizations in town which are arranging for them. The officers, members of the board and most of the speakers will have headquarters at the Brooks House.

The outline for Tuesday has already been given. On Wednesday morning the principal address will be by Miss Margaret Sumner on Our Little Brownies. Miss Sumner worked for some years in Africa, but was obliged to come home on account of the trying climate, so was transferred to her present work in the Philippines. The rest of the morning will be taken up with the opening services, words of welcome and several department reports.

On Wednesday afternoon will come reports from all the state secretaries and two very important addresses, the first being that by Mrs. Caroline Atwater Mason on the new study book, World Missions and World Peace. The second will be on Our Black Pansies, by Mrs. Elizabeth G. Hall of Africa.

## ARM BADLY BROKEN IN RUNAWAY SPILL

Mrs. Robert Kingsbury Hurt on Union Street as Result of Harness Break—Taken to Hospital.

Mrs. Robert Kingsbury, who with her husband is employed by Walter L. Sylvester of West Brattleboro, was taken to the Melrose hospital in West Brattleboro this afternoon with a bad fracture of the left arm as the result of being thrown from a carriage in which she was riding with Mr. Sylvester. The arm was broken in two places, possibly three.

They were driving down Union street hill when the harness broke. The horse ran and at the corner of Flat and Elliot streets near the foot of the hill the carriage collided with a telegraph pole, throwing both occupants into the gutter. Mr. Sylvester was not badly injured.

Dr. E. R. Lynch was driving on Birge street when he was notified of the accident and drove immediately to the scene. He took Mrs. Sylvester to the hospital. The horse ran through Flat and Elm streets and was caught on Canal street without doing further damage.

### NORWEGIAN STEAMER LOST.

Sank off Portugal Coast Following Three Explosions.

LONDON, April 19.—A Lloyd's dispatch from Lisbon says the Norwegian steamship Terje Viken sank on Monday, 15 miles west of Lisbon, after three explosions on board the vessel. The crew was saved. The Viken sailed March 16 from Galveston, Texas, for Lisbon. She was of 3,500 tons gross.

### COMMERCE NOTE SENT.

Communication from Entente Allies Soon to be Presented at Washington.

LONDON, April 19.—The reply of Great Britain and France to the American note concerning interference with maritime commerce by the entente allies has been cabled to Washington. The communication will be presented to the American government by the French and British ambassadors jointly. It consists of two parts: a long note and a supplement signed by the French government.

### WRECK DEATH LIST FIVE.

All Those Injured in New Haven Collision Will Recover.

BRADFORD, R. I., April 19.—The total death from the rear-end collision of trains on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad here remained at five last night, a search of the ruins having failed to disclose more bodies. All the injured are expected to recover.

Various inquiries into the cause of the accident were started during the day, but none of them reached any definite conclusion and it was said tonight that no findings would be returned probably until an investigation to be begun tomorrow in New Haven under the direction of the Interstate Commerce Commission was completed.

## ROBERTS BUYS SKERRY STOCK

Gets Controlling Interest in National Automatic Machine Co.

## COMPANY ACQUIRES VINTON MACHINE SHOP

Business Growing Rapidly and Bids Fair to Become Prominent Industry—Mr. Skerry Takes Roberts China Store in Exchange.

A business change and real estate deal ranking in importance with any of those which have preceded it in the chain of local transactions which has claimed public attention of late is announced today. It is the purchase by Arthur



ARTHUR F. ROBERTS.

F. Roberts of C. E. Skerry's interest in the National Automatic Machine Co., the transfer of Mr. Roberts's china store to Mr. Skerry, and the purchase by the National Automatic Machine Co. of the brick machine shop on Elm street of William B. Vinton, possession to be given April 24.

The purchase of Mr. Skerry's stock gives Mr. Roberts a controlling interest in the Machine Co., and he will devote his entire time to increasing the business of the concern, which already has reached proportions larger than the public has realized.

When the business of the National Automatic Machine Co. was started in the Hildreth carriage shop building on Elm street in 1913 it was for the purpose of making automatic machines for sealing and stamping envelopes. Then came a sudden demand upon all the machine shops in the country as a result of the outbreak of the European war, which necessitated making sub-contracts, and since then the Brattleboro concern has devoted most of its time to this sub-contract work and has made practically no campaign in the interest of the automatic machine. These machines are recognized, however, as having peculiar merit and their manufacture will be taken up as opportunity comes.

### CHILDREN DELIGHTED.

Moving Pictures Closed Yesterday's Program of Woman's Club.

The Woman's club closed its year's program with an entertainment for the children yesterday afternoon at the Princess theatre, which was very largely attended. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Farrington the program committee was enabled to present the very attractive films of Alice in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass.

All lovers of the stories told with delight the favorites found there, and the animal make-ups were so natural that the children felt as if their story-book friends had come to life. Of all the animals the White Rabbit was most loved and called forth expressions of pleasure at every appearance. The last meeting of the year, May 3, will be the annual business meeting.

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## HOLSTEIN CATTLE BRING BIG MONEY

New Brattleboro Sales Company Holds Its First Auction—Four-Year-old Cow Sells for \$730.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BELLOWS FALLS, April 19.

Every room in the Hotel Windham and the Rockingham was filled last night and the overflow taxed the capacities of the Inn at Saxtons River and the lodging houses in this village. The influx of transients was caused by the first sale of the Purebred Live Stock Sales company, which was held yesterday and is being continued through today in the pavilion on Morgan's field. About 150 purebred Holsteins will have been sold by auction before the sale closes tonight. Some good prices were received yesterday for the leaders of their breed in New England. Breeders came from every section of New England and from New York and neighboring states. The company holding the sale is the one which was recently incorporated and which will hold its future sales in Brattleboro.

The cattle are from the herds of J. W. Prentiss & Son of Alstead, N. H., C. E. Parker of Granville, N. Y., L. C. Lovell & Sons of Bellows Falls, J. L. Kerr of Warner, N. H., R. T. Eastman of Littleton, N. H., William E. Pierce of Bellows Falls, the Clark Farm, owned by M. E. Woodworth of Atkinson, N. H., Fred E. Wells of Pike, N. H., C. H. Thomas of West Rindge, N. H., A. J. Orr of Littleton, N. H., George A. Hosmer of Chester Depot, and C. A. Preston of Contoocook, N. H.

The auctioneers are Otis H. Forbush of West Acton, Mass., and Frank Becker of Granville, N. Y. Sixty-five head were sold yesterday and the highest price paid was \$730 for a four-year-old cow, Komdyke Goldbron Fancy, with a record of 26 pounds of butter fat. She was one of the herd of Prentiss & Lovell of Bellows Falls. She was bought by F. H. Metcalf of Holyoke, Mass., who paid \$2,935 for 12 head. Other cattle went for good prices.

Meetings of the New England, the New Hampshire, the Vermont, and the Cheshire County Holstein Breeders' associations, were held last evening in the pavilion. Reports of the secretaries were accepted and in the meeting of the Cheshire county association the following breeders were elected delegates to the national convention to be held in Detroit June 7: J. W. Prentiss, jr., of Alstead, Leslie Forristall of Alstead, C. H. Thomas of West Rindge, and C. A. Preston of Contoocook.

Following these meetings there was a big get-together meeting of the combined associations and Prof. E. W. Taylor of the New Hampshire state college at Durham gave an interesting and valuable talk on fertilizers.

Sunday and until Monday evening the pavilion was the haunt of hundreds of boys and girls. At milking time they appeared with cans and bottles of all sizes and descriptions. The boys were given the milk. But they became a nuisance and Monday evening were told there was no more milk for them as it was being sent to the local plant of the C. Brigham company of Cambridge, Mass., who are making butter at the plant of the Boston Dairy company.

## SEEKS BIG DAMAGES FROM MRS. HOLBROOK

Former Brattleboro Woman, Wife of Well-Known Contractor, Defendant-in-Action by Author.

Mrs. Lida Higgins Glenierne, a Roxbury, Mass., author, started court action yesterday against Mrs. Grace Cabot Holbrook of the Back Bay, by filing an action of tort in \$100,000. Mrs. Holbrook is a former Brattleboro woman, wife of Frederick Holbrook, the contractor.

Mrs. Glenierne was discharged in the Roxbury court last week on a charge of obtaining \$400 on false pretences, the complaint being made by Mrs. Holbrook. In the action now brought by Mrs. Glenierne she also names Rev. Sidney T. Cooke, who was summoned as a witness in the court hearing. The action was started in the Suffolk registry of deeds by Attorney Clarence W. Rowley, acting for the author.

Mrs. Holbrook, in her complaint, alleged that the author sought aid from her, declaring that she needed money temporarily until she was able to put her literary work on the market, because her husband was ill. Many prominent women and clergymen were summoned as witnesses.

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## STREETER IS COMMANDER

Brattleboro Man Chosen at State Encampment in Burlington

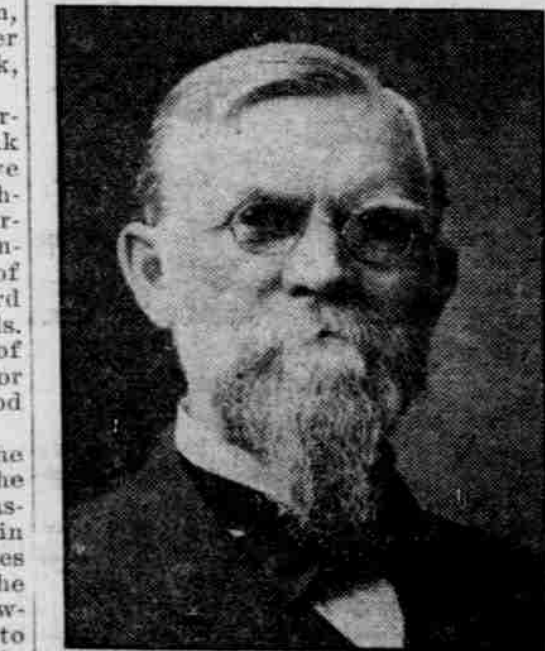
## HAD GOOD LEAD OVER OPPONENT

May Mean that Next Department Encampment Will Be Held Here—Served as Cavalryman—Condition of Organization Shown by Reports.

(Special to The Reformer.)

BURLINGTON, April 19.

Capt. Henry C. Streeter of Brattleboro was elected yesterday afternoon department commander of the Vermont G. A. R. at the 49th annual encampment, which opened here yesterday morning. He was



CAPT. HENRY C. STREETER.

opposed for the honor by F. H. Ketchum of Randolph, but the Brattleboro man had strong support and a decided majority when the votes were counted. As it has been customary to have the state encampment in the home town of the department commander it is probable that the next encampment will be held in Brattleboro.

The principal officers elected are: Commander, Capt. H. C. Streeter of Brattleboro; vice commander, D. W. Davis of Chester; junior vice commander, J. M. Tracy of Middlebury; medical director, Dr. C. M. Ferrin of Essex Junction; chaplain, L. W. Bush of Brookline.

The attendance of veterans, considering the depletion made in the ranks during the past year is extremely gratifying, the majority of the 86 Grand Army posts in the state being represented.

The net loss in membership for the period was 77. There were 89 deaths. The gains included 10 mustered in, six by transfer and 13 by reinstatement. The same number of posts remain in this encampment as a year ago.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Relief corps, department of Vermont, was held in Masonic temple. The attendance was unusually large. There are 60 local corps with jurisdiction with a total membership of 3,020. Rutland corps is the largest with 191 members. All are flourishing as there has been a net gain of 64. Eighty have died.

Mrs. Helen Barnett of Concord was elected president and Mrs. Nellie Crowley of Rutland, senior vice president. The annual meeting of the Sons of Veterans opened yesterday with a very large attendance. There are now 29 camps in the state with a total membership of 863 as against 24 camps and a membership of 761 at the beginning of the year. Among those who made reports was Junior Vice Commander H. L. French of South Londonderry.

Capt. Streeter enlisted in Company F, First Vermont Cavalry, in Brattleboro and served as a private, until promoted to a sergeant in July, 1864. As a sergeant he was wounded twice at the same time in the battle near Charlestown in the Shenandoah valley Aug. 24, 1864, once in the abdomen and again in the left arm. He recovered sufficiently in three months to rejoin his command. He was promoted by the regular stages until he was made captain Feb. 2, 1865.

He is a native of Chesterfield, N. H., and was born Jan. 27, 1841. He has been pension agent over 10 years and conducts a real estate business. He is a trustee of the Soldiers' Home in Bennington and very well known to Grand Army men throughout the state.

### HODSON SENTENCED TO PRISON.

Pirate Who Held Up Ship is Given Life Imprisonment.

WILMINGTON, Del., April 19.—Ernest Schiller, alias Clarence R. Hodson, who forcibly took possession of the British steamer Matoppo off San Diego on March 29, terrorized the crew and compelled the captain to change the ship's course, was sentenced to life imprisonment in the United States District court here late yesterday. He will be taken to the federal prison at Atlanta in a few days.

Schiller previously pleaded guilty to the charge of piracy. In a statement he denied that his motive was robbery. He declared that he had seized the Matoppo believing the vessel carried munitions of war for the entente allies, "for the cause of Germany."

## GEN. SCOTT OFF FOR BORDER

To Get Information for War Department by Order of Baker

## HIS REPORT LIKELY TO DETERMINE POLICY

Military Authorities Agree That Some Radical Move Must Soon Be Made Either to Reinforce Troops or to Withdraw Them Entirely.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff of the army, will go to San Antonio, Texas, tonight by order of Secretary Baker to get accurate information as to the situation on the border and in Mexico.

Secretary Baker would not discuss Gen. Scott's mission. It was assumed, however, that his report after conference with Gen. Funston will go far toward determining the course to be pursued in Mexico.

Until the German situation is clearly understood it is impossible to forecast the administration's decision as to Gen. Pershing's expedition. Military observers appear to agree that some radical move must be made soon, either to reinforce the troops in Mexico or to withdraw them, as in their present conditions officers feel they are unable to press the pursuit of Villa properly and their presence only tends to irritate the Mexican people.

EL PASO, April 19.—Confirmation of reports that the American expeditionary force was being concentrated at these points in Mexico preparatory either for the withdrawal of the troops or the organization of a new and more extensive campaign was received here today from Mexican sources.

The belief that the American troops are about to leave Mexico is widespread among the Mexicans in Juarez and has completely changed the attitude of the people, who after the Parral incident gave marked indication of hostility toward Americans.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, former chief of staff and now commander of the eastern department, today conferred with Secretary Baker and Maj. Gen. Scott, chief of staff. He said his visit had to do only with the summer training camp movement.

## EVIDENCE NEARLY ALL INTRODUCED

Plaintiff in Carpenter Case Rested Yesterday Afternoon—Defense Over Tomorrow Morning.

The evidence of the plaintiff in the case of Lisle M. Carpenter against the Central Vermont railroad, which is on trial in the Windham county court in Newfane, was finished at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and good progress was made this morning by the defense in introducing evidence. It is possible that all the evidence will be in late this afternoon, and in any event it will be finished tomorrow morning.

Rumors that further attempts at reaching a settlement were in progress last evening were denied this noon by Attorney E. W. Gibson of counsel for Mr. Carpenter, who said that if such attempts were made last evening it was without his knowledge.

## COUPLE RE-MARRIED AFTER SEPARATION

Otis T. Ross, 64, of Brattleboro and Mrs. Sarah (Crafts) Ross, 68, Again Become Man and Wife.

Return was made this morning of the marriage of Otis T. Ross, a farmer employed on the Wilder farm, and his former wife, Sarah Lizzie (Crafts), Ross, who has been living in Boston. The bridegroom is 64 years of age and his wife four years his senior. They were divorced a few years ago and recently decided to marry again. The ceremony was performed by Rev. George E. Tomkinson, pastor of the First Baptist church.

### THE WEATHER.

Fair Tonight With Cloudy and Warmer Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The weather forecast: Fair tonight. Somewhat warmer in interior. Thursday increasing cloudiness and somewhat warmer. Fresh west winds diminishing and becoming variable.

## Your Easter Hair Cut

Cut by the most expert of workmen in an artistic manner. No danger of scalp diseases in this shop of perfect sanitation.

5 Expert Workmen 5 Brooks House Sanitary Barber Shop A REAL SHINE ARTIST